



Hospital Palliative Care Pilot Project

20th Annual Maryland State Council on Cancer
Control Cancer Conference
November 19, 2013



House Bill 581 (2013 Session)

- Selection of at least five hospitals to participate as palliative care pilot programs by MHCC
- Pilot programs to
 - Collaborate with community providers
 - Gather data on costs, savings, access, and patient choice
 - Report to MHCC on best practices

House Bill 581 (continued)

- MHCC, in consultation with pilot programs and stakeholders identify core measures for data collection
- Pilot programs must include certain policies and procedures
- Provide patients with the right to continue to pursue disease-targeted treatment with concurrent palliative care; receive comprehensive pain and symptom management

Process to Date

- Convened leadership group with MHA and OHCQ
- Conducted 15 phone interviews with hospital palliative care programs
- Developed Request for Applications October 18- November 8, 2013
- 14 applications submitted; three were assessed as not meeting minimum criteria

RFA Requirements Guidance

- Existing palliative care program
- Staff - Qualified program director and at least one FTE program staff
- Volume - At least 200 patients per year
- Data – Core data set being collected
- Collaboration – With other organizations in the community

Hospital	Licensed Acute Care Beds	Jurisdiction
Carroll Hospital Center	151	Carroll
Doctor's Community Hospital	198	Prince George's
Greater Baltimore Medical Center	255	Baltimore County
Holy Cross Hospital	397	Montgomery
Johns Hopkins Hospital	1,060	Baltimore City
MedStar Union Memorial Hospital	221	Baltimore City
Meritus Medical Center	237	Washington
Peninsula Regional Medical Center	288	Wicomico
Suburban Hospital	236	Montgomery
Union Hospital	85	Cecil
Upper Chesapeake Medical Center	185	Harford

Next Steps

- Convene Hospital Palliative Care Advisory Group (December 17, 2013)
- Group will consist of pilot hospitals, other consultant advisors, and MHCC staff
- Group will finalize study design and core data measures
- Initiate pilot study

Timeframes

- Authorizing statute effective October 1, 2013
- By December 15, 2015: MHCC reports to legislature on findings of pilot study, including data outcomes and insights on best practices
- By July 1, 2016: Based on pilot study findings, develop minimum standards for palliative care programs
- DHMH to develop regulations for palliative care hospital programs

Paul Parker

**Director, Center for Health Care Facilities
Planning & Development**

410-764-3261

paul.parker@maryland.gov

Linda Cole

Chief, Long-Term Care Policy & Planning

410-764-3337

linda.cole@maryland.gov

